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WHAT ARE THE BASIC RULES THAT APPLY IN ONTARIO PROVINCIAL PARKS?

This is a summary of rules, prepared for convenience only, and is not a complete list of the various laws which apply in provincial parks.

THERE IS ONE BASIC RULE IN ONTARIO
PROVINCIAL PARKS : HAVE RESPECT AND
CONSIDERATION FOR YOUR FELLOW VISITORS
AND THE PARK ENVIRONMENT

PARK ENTRANCE

You must enter the park through an official entrance (i.e. the park gate).

ENTRY FEES

Every vehicle in a park must be authorized by a valid permit.

PARKING

Vehicles may be parked only in areas provided for that purpose.

ADDITIONAL VEHICLES

No more than two licenced vehicles may be registered to a campsite (the second vehicle is referred to here as an "additional" vehicle). The Park Superintendent sets aside a limited number of parking spaces for additional vehicles. Campers should realize that when a park is full or nearly full, they may not be able to secure a parking space for the second car.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE PER SITE

A maximum of six persons or one family unit is permitted on each campsite.

LENGTH OF STAY

The maximum length of stay in provincial parks is 23 days. Under an interior camping permit the maximum length of stay is 28 days (16 days on any one site) unless special permission is granted by the Superintendent.

CHECK OUT TIME

Your campsite permit expires at 2:00 p.m. on the departure date.

HOURS OF CLOSING

Only registered campers may remain in a provincial park during the posted hours of closing, which are usually 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

MOTOR VEHICLES

Licensed motor vehicles may be operated on roads only. All the normal rules of the road apply.

UNLICENSED MOTOR VEHICLES, ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES

Unlicensed motor vehicles or all terrain vehicles may be operated only in an area designated for the purpose. No unlicensed motor vehicle may be operated on park roads.

BICYCLES

May be operated on roads or marked trails only.

HORSEBACK RIDING

May be permitted only on marked riding trails.

ROWDYISM

Not only are you exhibiting bad manners, you are breaking the law if you make excessive noise or use abusive, insulting, obscene or threatening language in a provincial park. You are not allowed to disturb any other person or interfere with anyone else's use and enjoyment of a park at any time of the day or night.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

You may enjoy your beer, wine or other alcoholic beverage on a registered campsite only. Drinking, or the possession of an open container of alcoholic beverage is unlawful in any other area of the park. During the spring camping season the consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages will be prohibited in selected Ontario Provincial Parks.

PETS

Every domestic animal in the park must be under control and secured on a leash. If caught running loose, your pet may be impounded. Domestic animals are not allowed in swimming areas or on any beach.

CAMPFIRES

Fires are permitted in fireplaces only, and care should be taken when using fire at any time.

FIREWORKS

Possession or use of fireworks in any provincial park is prohibited at all times.

SWIMMING

Nearly all provincial parks provide swimming areas. Parents are responsible for their children's safety at all times.

MOTOR BOATS

In some provincial parks the use of powerboats is prohibited or limited to certain motor sizes.

FISHING

Fishing is permitted in accordance with the fishing regulations.

HUNTING

Hunting is not allowed in provincial parks except in specific areas which are defined in the hunting regulations.

FIREARMS

No firearms are permitted in provincial parks except as permitted by regulation.

PLANTS AND ANIMALS

All vegetation, wildlife and natural earth features in provincial parks are protected by law. Nothing may be removed or damaged.

REFUSE

Deposit all garbage and litter in the containers provided. Campsites must be kept clean and should be left in their natural condition when vacated.